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INFORMATION ON HONG KONG SHIPPING TONNAGE, 1953

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The year 1953 was the poorest year for Hong Kong shipping since 1949. During 1953, ocean steamers entering and leaving Hong Kong harbor totaled 7,097. According to the Government Maritime Bureau Shipping Office, of these 7,097 ships, there were 1,019 empty bottoms. The total tonnage of ocean steamers entering and leaving port during 1953 was 20,512,882, an average tonnage of 1,709,406 per month, an increase of 274,605 over the previous year's monthly average of 1,434,801.

Tonnage entering and leaving Hong Kong during 1953 was the highest since 1948 (the highest previous figure was 19,834,020 in 1949). However, the cargo brought in and out by ocean steamers was only 4,220,628 tons (only 2 tons of cargo for each 10 tons of tonnage), a decrease of 113,172 tons from the 4,333,800 tons of 1952. Comparing 1953 with 1950 (5,962,704 tons) there is a sharp drop of 1,742,076 tons.

The following table gives ship tonnage and cargo entering and leaving the port from 1949 through 1953.

| <u>Year</u> | <u>Tonnage</u> | <u>Cargo</u> |
|-------------|----------------|--------------|
| 1949 | 19,834,020 | 4,805,424 |
| 1950 | 18,393,588 | 5,962,704 |
| 1951 | 15,947,724 | 4,790,976 |
| 1952 | 17,217,612 | 4,333,800 |
| 1953 | 20,512,882 | 4,220,628 |

The following table gives Hong Kong shipping tonnage and cargo information for 1953:

| <u>Month</u> | <u>No of Ships In</u> | <u>No of Ships Out</u> | <u>Tonnage Ships In</u> | <u>Tonnage Ships Out</u> | <u>Cargo In</u> | <u>Cargo Out</u> |
|--------------|---------------------------|----------------------------|-----------------------------|------------------------------|-----------------|------------------|
| Jan | 272 | 275 | 798,179 | 790,016 | 216,141 | 112,801 |
| Feb | 268 | 263 | 774,622 | 777,714 | 270,035 | 127,971 |
| Mar | 299 | 300 | 894,655 | 876,023 | 286,075 | 119,185 |
| Apr | 295 | 291 | 883,280 | 867,454 | 236,667 | 129,969 |
| May | 282 | 292 | 851,569 | 885,712 | 219,020 | 115,438 |
| Jun | 300 | 307 | 821,145 | 826,486 | 214,074 | 109,925 |
| Jul | 307 | 304 | 819,805 | 822,730 | 240,279 | 117,540 |
| Aug | 303 | 299 | 899,903 | 891,399 | 212,842 | 50,697 |
| Sep | 309 | 299 | 877,417 | 860,865 | 258,845 | 89,021 |

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| <u>Month</u> | <u>No of Ships In</u> | <u>No of Ships Out</u> | <u>Tonnage Ships In</u> | <u>Tonnage Ships Out</u> | <u>Cargo In</u> | <u>Cargo Out</u> |
|--------------|---------------------------|----------------------------|-----------------------------|------------------------------|-----------------|------------------|
| Oct | 303 | 314 | 839,521 | 861,909 | 278,881 | 108,388 |
| Nov | 309 | 310 | 901,033 | 896,302 | 222,951 | 106,560 |
| Dec | 300 | 296 | 908,373 | 886,770 | 221,009 | 116,314 |
| Total | 3,547 | 3,550 | 10,269,502 | 10,243,380 | 2,876,819 | 1,343,809 |

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